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wherein the removing means has a removing claw, the removing claw having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip and both ends of an upper side of the rectangle being chamfered.

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3. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording medium comprises a toner and an image receiving sheet, the toner sheet is of a thin film transfer type.

7. (Amended) A recording method utilizing a recording apparatus having a removing claw comprising:

fixing the image receiving sheet onto the medium fixing member, said image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer to receive an image of a recorded image;

fixing the toner sheet onto the image receiving sheet; and

removing the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet from the medium fixing member using a removing claw, the removing claw having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip and both ends of an upper side of the rectangle being chamfered, such that the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet applies a pressure to an upper face of the removing claw including the chambered ends of the upper side upon removal.